

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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September 4, 2014

VIA Email and Regular Mail Gary P. Gengel, Esq. Latham & Watkins LLP 885 Third Avenue New York, NY 10022-4834

Re: Administrative Order on Consent and Statement of Work for the Remedial Design at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Gengel:

Over the past several weeks, Ford and the Borough of Ringwood have submitted numerous comments on both the draft design Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and Statement of Work (SOW). EPA has given thoughtful consideration to all your comments and suggested changes, and met with you on August 27, 2014 to discuss technical issues on the SOW. The Agency has, to the extent it was able, made changes to accommodate your concerns and issues. We have now reached a point where we cannot agree to further changes that were requested and must proceed with the design of the ROD remedy without further delay. We have been advised that the Borough is no longer willing to enter into an AOC. As a result, they have been removed from the AOC.

Accordingly, please find enclosed, the final AOC and SOW for the design of the ROD remedy at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site. Respondent's signature on the AOC is due to EPA by close of business on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Should you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Frank X. Cardiello

Assistant Regional Counsel

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Joseph Gowers w/o encls.